

## BOOK REVIEW

EVANS, J. G. 1972. *Land Snails in Archaeology. With special reference to the British Isles*. Seminar Press. London and New York. xii + 436 pp., 145 figures, 17 tables. \$22.50.

To many it may be surprising that land snails, their distribution and position in stratigraphic deposits, constitute significant information in archeological analysis. This comprehensive investigation reviews and explores the data of a little known area in the study of mollusks. Evans first surveys the history of the use of land snails in archeology based principally on British pulmonates. An impressive discussion of the ecology and paleontology of these snails follows. In the second portion of the volume, terrestrial gastropods in their relation to human activities in prehistoric times is treated. The work has many fine illustrations, a helpful glossary, and an extensive bibliography. Although the book is especially useful to archeologists and anthropologists, it is also of value to malacologists and conchologists.

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